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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and consideration of the following remarks.

**Rejections**

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

**Claims 1-20**

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Toguchi, U.S. Patent No. 6,408,355. Applicant respectfully submits that Toguchi does not disclose each and every limitation of Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-20.